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June 2018 Worship

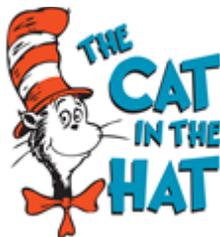
Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

*Sunday school begins September 16th

Summer Sermon Series: The Biblical Messages of Dr. Seuss

Special Time with Children each week!



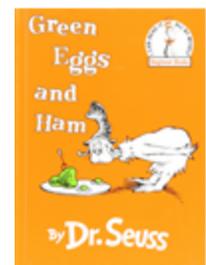
June 2 and 3 Celebration of Holy Communion Isaiah 1: 15-20; Psalm 103: 1-13

June 9 and 10 The Zode in the Road Jeremiah 6: 16; Joshua 24: 15 Celebration of Baptism



June 16 and 17 Father's Day/Graduation Recognition Genesis 12: 1-9; Matthew 17: 20-21; Ephesians 3: 8-13

June 23 and 24 Celebration of Baptism Luke 18: 1-8



Monday Afternoon Bible Study

The Monday Bible Study group meets each Monday at 1:00 p.m. in the church lounge. The first Monday of each month we have pizza available at 12:30 p.m. (June 4) Please bring your own drink!

A study of the minor prophets continues throughout June. All are welcome. No books are required for this study.



Saturday Morning Bible Study

Bible studies continue on Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m. They are held in the Church lounge and continue with the study of Romans. For more information, contact Deb Kelleher.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study begins June 20 at 6:30 PM



Grab a friend and your Bible, bring your lawn chair and a cool drink and join us for our summer Bible Study at the pavilion. We'll be taking everyday objects, consider Scripture that relates to these objects (you'll be amazed!) and what we can learn that's relevant to living in the world today. We'll start the first week with an alarm clock!

You're invited to bring an object and Pastor Judy will create a study around that object for the next times we meet! Go ahead! Try to stump the pastor! Each week will be 45 minutes to an hour.



Coffee and Conversation

(NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION FOR JUNE!)

Join Pastor Judy and others for a time of conversation around the table! Because McDonald's in Shavertown will be undergoing a remodeling project, beginning Tuesday, June 5th we'll gather at the church pavilion at 10:00 a.m. Feel free to bring coffee/tea from home or the McDonald's drive thru will still be open, so pick up a drink on the way to the church! It's your time, so it's your topic! It's a great way to get to know one another! All are welcomed!

Congratulations to our 2018 Confirmation Class!

The Confirmation Dinner for the 2019 class (those entering 8th grade in the fall) will be held on Sunday, September 9th at 6:00 p.m. If you would like information mailed to you about the dinner and this class, please call the church office at 675-3616.



Congregational Care

With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:2-3

Our Shavertown UMC congregation includes several members who are living in care facilities. It is important to maintain a "unity of the Spirit" with those folks who are no longer able to worship with us. The congregational care team keeps in touch with our members in care facilities through cards, visits, and homebound Communion. We currently need volunteers to visit members who have recently gone to assisted living. If you have one hour a month and a listening ear, you can help to maintain that bond of unity in our church. Call Glenda Shepherd or the church office if you would like to serve in this way.

Musical Notes

Enjoy these devotional words from a benediction our Chancel Choir sang recently: A Clare Benediction by John Rutter

May the Lord show his mercy upon you; may the light of his presence be your guide:

May He guard you and uphold you; may His spirit be ever by your side.

When you sleep, may His angels watch over you;

When you wake may He fill you with His grace.

May you love Him and serve Him all your days,

Then in heaven may you see His face.

May the Lord's loving kindness surround you;

Keep you safe as you journey on your way;

May He lead you and inspire you as He grants you the gift of each new day.

May He bless all your loved ones and cherish them;

Every friend, every stranger at your door:

In the name of His son, our Savior Christ, May God bless you, now and evermore.



On behalf of the music ministry at SUMC, thanks to all the SUMC choirs for their steadfast love and faithfulness to our Lord and to our church family as they sing and make melody in honor and praise to God each week. Have a restful and relaxing summer. See you all in worship!!!!

Chancel choir will be singing through June. Thank you!

We have a large youth choir coming to present a concert on Thursday, June 14 at 7 p.m. Please come out and support these young people (see Fine Arts article).

If you are on the bus trip to see JESUS at Sight and Sound, it is Wednesday, July 11 (see Fine Arts) article. Make time in your summer schedule to come and hear Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass on Wednesday, July 18 at 7 p.m. (see Fine Arts article).



Our Praise Ringers rang out into our community once again at Highland Park Senior Living in Wilkes-Barre on Thursday, May 17th. Thank you, Praise Ringers, for sharing your gifts and making the residents' day special!

SUMC Fine Arts Series
Celebrating our 15th Season



Join us for our spring and summer concerts

Coming up soon.....can't wait.....the show has been getting rave reviews!!!!!!
SUMC FINE ARTS Bus trip to Sight and Sound, Lancaster
WEDNESDAY, JULY 11th
11 a.m. show
JESUS
(brand new show)
meal to follow show at Shady Maple Restaurant

Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 7:00 a.m.
70 voice youth choir of St. Luke's UMC

We have added another concert to our series this year
This is their 23rd annual summer tour!

Directed by Ron Sinclair
From Hickory, NC
With their own orchestra!
Free will offering



Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass

Reserve that date for us!!
Join us for this group of amazing Christian musicians.

Free will offering.

Thanks to all for your support of our Fine Arts Series and our outreach to the community in **Spreading the Gospel through the Gift of Music!**

A special thanks to all the vocal and bell choirs who offer their gifts of music for our concerts and to our committee who take care of many details, including our receptions and welcoming teams. Also to Kate Jenkins who is Deb's right arm in keeping up with all the PR and helping with many other details for each of the concerts. Our Fine Arts concert series would not be possible without all our volunteers. You are greatly appreciated.



Faithfulness in Stewardship

“In everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”
I Thessalonians 5:18

April 22 through May 13, 2018
Faithfulness in Attendance to Date: 215
Weekly Financial Goal for 2018: \$6,596.50
Average Weekly Giving to Date: \$6,598.45

If you would like to have your weekly commitment automatically deducted from your checking account, please contact the church office at 675-3616 for an EFT Authorization Form.

Thank you for your continuing support of the Shavertown United Methodist Church and our mission together of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Sunday, July 22nd through Wednesday, July 25th

Family Dinner at 5:30 p.m.
Program begins at 6:15 p.m.

All who would like to help with VBS activities can contact Katie Hrivnak, Director of Christian Education.
To register your children, go to shavertownumc.com
or call the Church Office at 675-3616



CommunityDinner

2018 Community Dinners and Summer Picnics

Mark your calendars now to attend the Community Dinners scheduled for the following dates in 2018. Serving is buffet style from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday evenings. Help setting up, serving and cleaning up is always appreciated! The meals are open to anyone in our church family and our community – it’s a great opportunity to share good food and fellowship! Join us! Donations are accepted, but not expected, to help continue this ministry.

Summer Picnics at the Pavilion: June 17th July 15th August 12th

Support Groups

GriefShare is a support group for those who are grieving the loss of loved ones. **We will be having a summer session of GriefShare this year that will begin on Thursday, June 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the church lounge.** Please register by calling the church office at 570-675-3616; or register online at griefshare.com. Persons can become part of this support group at any time. Each session stands on its own with a different topic each week. For more information visit griefshare.org.



Hospital Visitation

When we think of ministry, we often think of the words of Jesus in the Great Commission, "Go and make disciples" (Matthew 28:19). Jesus, however, also said something about caring for the sick, "I was sick and you cared for me." (Matthew 25:36).

We want to know when you are sick or hospitalized, however, it is important for you to know that because of HIPPA laws, hospitals will no longer release names of patients to the church. There was a time when we could call and ask if there were patients from our church, but names are no longer released. If you do not call us, we will not know you are hospitalized.

So, if you or your loved one is hospitalized, sick, or would like a pastoral visit or prayer, please call the church office at 675-3616 or Pastor Judy. Your request will be held in confidence until you give permission to share with others.

Enjoy Gardening?

Volunteers are needed to care for the Prayer Garden for the summer months; to plant flowers when needed and weed. There are funds available to purchase plants and flowers. All of the watering will be taken care of by our custodian. If you have a green thumb and are interested in caring for this beautiful part of the Church, call the church office at 570-675-3616. Thank you.



We will recognize all graduating seniors (high school and college) on the weekend of June 16th and 17th. If you have a senior who is graduating, please submit a photo with name, date of graduation, school graduating from and future plans **no later than June 3rd**.

Priscilla Circle

The Priscilla Circle picnic will be held on June 19th at 6:00 p.m. at the pavilion. Remember to bring a wrapped item for the auction. Call Cathy Berkey to let her know what covered dish you are bringing. This is a great time to get to know more about United Methodist Women while sharing food and fun. Hope to see you there!

Year-Round Mission Collection Projects are on the Mission Table in the Narthex



- Back Mountain Food Pantry ... Non-Perishable Food Items
- Ruth's Place (Women's Shelter in Wilkes-Barre) ... Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Paper Towels, Feminine Hygiene Products, Toilet Paper, Cleaning Supplies
- Boxtops For Education Supports our Local Schools
- Soda Pop Tops Supports Ronald McDonald House

Discipleship Ministries

On Saturday, April 28, 2018, Pastor Judy, Ginger McCabe, Cathy Berkey, and Bev Bunney traveled to Lewisburg High School to attend the Navigate Conference: Creating Discipleship Pathways. 350 members of the Susquehanna Conference were present to attend seminars that were presented on how to create intentional pathways of discipleship to help people grow in their faith. Bishop Jeremiah Park greeted the group and stated, "We need to be more intentional to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world for such a time as this!" All the information that was shared will help us develop our own discipleship pathway that will be unique to Shavertown United Methodist.

What it means to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

A disciple is someone who:

1. knows Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
2. is growing in Christ through prayer, bible study, and fellowship.
3. shares Christ with others through work and deed.

Submitted by: Bev Bunney, Director of Discipleship Ministries

Back Mountain Men's Ecumenical Group

"Seabiscuit's" story told so brilliantly by Laura Hillenbrand in her book and in a movie, is the tale of four individuals who were down on their luck, whose lives came together around this horse. The owner, Charles Howard, had lost his teenage son to an accident on his ranch in California. The trainer, Tom Smith, was unemployed and sleeping in horse barns. The jockey, Red Pollard, was out of work and not constructed to be a jockey. "Seabiscuit", the focus of the story, was the product of excellent breeding, however, he was small and generally awkward except on the track during a race. This cast of characters came together in 1938 during the Great Depression becoming great inspiration to millions of people who were down and out. There are many life stories going on all around us every day. At 8:30 every Thursday morning at the Irem Country Club over a buffet breakfast you can witness some of these tales. Be with other men of the Back Mountain Community to share their love of God, their love of Country and their life stories.

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Dates to Note

Monday, June 11th – Step By Step Praise Band Concert

Sunday, June 17th – Community Dinner (see page 5)

Wednesday, July 11th – Sight & Sound Bus Trip (see page 4)

Sunday, July 22nd Through Wednesday, July 25th – VBS (see page 5)

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Back Mountain Men's Ecumenical Group meets every **Thursday** morning, 8 a.m., at Irem

Back Mountain Ugly Quilters meet most Wednesday mornings at Dallas UMC

Coffee & Conversation w/ Pastor Judy every Tuesday @ The Church Pavilion at 10 a.m.

Worship at 5:30 p.m. Saturday 9:30 a.m. Sunday